1	2	3	4	5
Karimganj	Badarpurghat	5.00	-	5.00
Notrh Cachar	Haflong	-	1.87	1.87
Gowalpara	Bongaigaon	-	5.40	5.40
	Gowalpara	-	1.50	1.50
	Jogigoppa	5.00	-	5.00
	Barpeta Road	-	5.00	5.00
Dibrugarh	Dibrugarh	11.28	-	11.28
	Beria	-	3.34	3.34
	Dikom	-	5.00	5.00
	Goshala	-	5.00	5.00
	Laipuli	-	10.00	10.00
	Manoutta	-	5.00	5.00
	Tinsukia	9.42	-	9.42
Darang	Tangla	15.00	-	15.00
Sonitpur	Bindukuri	12.50	-	12.50
Tezpur	Bhalukpong	5.00	-	5.00
Total of Assam		192.16	92.60	284.76

Statement-III

Centre-Wise Capacity Available in the State of Assam as on 01.01.97.

(Fig. in MTs.)

S.No.	Name of Central Warehouse Cum Office	Capacity		
		Constd.	Hired	Total
1.	Guwahati-Maligaon	8600	-	8600
2.	Dhubri	10100	-	10100
3.	Jorhat-I	10500	-	10500
4.	Jorhat-II	5000	-	5000
5.	Sorbhog	10000	-	10000
6.	Sipajhar	-	627	627
	Total	44200	627	44827

N.B. : Besides, there is *one* Regional Office and *one* Construction Cell Office located at Guwahati.

[Translation]

Smuggling of Animals Skin From Betala National Park

2457. SHRI LALIT ORAON : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of tigers, leopards and deers in Betala National Park, Bihar;

(b) whether their number has been continuously decreasing in the recent years;

(c) if so, whether smuggling of skins of these animals is one of the main reasons for the constant decline in the number of these wild animals;

(d) whether valuables were stolen from the said park and smugglers were arrested during the last few years;

(e) if so, whether any action has been taken in this regard;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ) : (a) and (b) As reported by the State Government of Bihar, the number of tigers, leopards and deers in 1993 and 1996 is as under :

	1993	1996
Tigers	44	41
Leopards	60	60
Deer	15232	13014

Obviously, there is a decline in the number of tigers and deer in 1996 as compared to their numbers in 1993.

(c) Though smuggling of skins could be one reason for the decline in the population of these animals, the major reason, however, is the degradation of buffer area due to ever-increasing pressure on eco-conservation.

(d) to (f) Four elephant tusks and one leopard skin were looted by the criminals on 28th July, 1995 from the Nature Interpretation Centre, which, later were recovered later, on 14th September, 1995. Further as reported by the State Government, ninety persons had been prosecuted for poaching/trade in wildlife during the last five years.

Security has been beefed up, patrolling is conducted and valuables on display have been covered by insurance

(g) Does not arise.

[English]

Nuclear Power Station

2458. SHRI SULTAN SALAHUDDIN OWAISI : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether installation of 1000 MW nuclear power station at Nagarjun Sagar under the central sector is pending with the Ministry for clearance for a long time;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof;

(c) whether any clarification was sought from the Andhra Pradesh Government in this regard;

(d) if so, whether the information has since been received; and